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Colorado delegation to lead gay rights march

Amendment 2 protest planned

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More than 1,000 gay activists from Colorado have been asked to lead the procession of state delegations in next Sunday's gay rights march in Washington.

Colorado organizers say their delegation will carry banners reading "Colorado Under Siege" as a symbolic protest to Amendment 2.

That constitutional amendment bans local governments from passing laws protecting gays from discrimination. The amendment is being challenged in court.

Colorado organizers said state delegations normally would march in alphabetical order, with Alabama marching first. They say they hope to send a wake-up call to states that may face campaigns similar to Amendment 2.

The delegation from Oregon, where an anti-gay rights measure was narrowly defeated last fall, will march second.

"We and Oregon were the first to be attacked, but we will not be the last," said Paul Brown, a leader of the Colorado delegation and a plaintiff in the Amendment 2 challenge.

The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation could draw as many as 1 million gays and their supporters. Activists hope this year's march will galvanize the gay rights movement.

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"There's a lot of fire potential here," Kirtley said. "Any human activity is a danger."

The fire was started as the two boys were playing with a lighter, Kirtley said. They were spotted by workers atop a home under construction in the area.

By Sunday evening, the mood in Broadmoor Bluffs was relaxed, even festive. Neighbors clustered in front yards to talk, drink beer and watch the last puffs of smoke. But there also was an air of nervousness.

Carl Herbert of 35 Lambrig Way said many homeowners were alarmed after seeing a recent TV movie about the de-

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allow the areas to remain as they are — unless homeowners request improvements or they'r needed to protect public health and safety.

■ Homeowners would continue to receive city electricity, natural gas and sewer service if they now receive it. Those with